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PLYWOOD STANDARDS

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I. OFFICIALS OF AMERICAN PLYWOOD ASSOCIATION (APA) AND
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL COMMISSION (PNRC) INFORM US OF
THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO JOINT U.S./CANADIAN TECHNICAL
DISCUSSIONS ON JAPANESE PLYWOOD STANDARDS, AS SUCH AN
APPROACH WOULD NOT ACCOMPLISH APA OBJECTIVES. SUBSTANTIAL
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U.S. EXPORT LOSSES COULD RESULT IF CANADIAN "CC" GRADE

PLYWOOD IS ACCEPTED TO THE EXCLUSION OF U.S. "C-D" GRADE FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES. U.S. LUMBER AND PLYWOOD MILLS CURRENTLY OPERATING AT ONLY 70 PERCENT CAPACITY.

2. APA BELIEVES THAT COFI IS ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT VISIT OF KEY JAPANESE PLYWOOD STANDARDS EXPERTS TO U.S. FACILITIES BECAUSE SUCH VISIT MIGHT LATER RESULT IN DECISIONS ON JAPANESE PLYWOOD STANDARDS WHICH ARE FAVORABLE TO U.S. ACCORDINGLY, BOTH APA AND PNRC STRONGLY URGE THAT ADVANTAGE BE TAKEN OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE JAPANESE

PLYWOOD STANDARDS EXPERTS VISIT U.S. FOR IN-DEPTH TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND EXCURSIONS TO U.S. PLYWOOD INDUSTRY FACILITIES WITHOUT CANADIAN PRESENCE. APA AND PNRC REPORT THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO OVERTURES FROM COFI HEAD OFFICE IN VANCOUVER REGARDING TANDEM ARRANGEMENT MENTIONED PARAGRAPH ONE OF REF (E). PNRC HAS BEEN PLANNING WOOD SYMPOSIUM FOR JAPANESE IN FEBRUARY SINCE THE SUMMER OF 1975. PNRC HAS INFORMED US THAT IT ASKED EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 31, 1975 TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO APPROPRIATE JAPANESE OFFICIALS FOR SYMPOSIUM.

3. APA WISHES THAT ABE, YAMAI, AND SUGIYAMA VISIT U.S. FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND EXCURSIONS TO U.S. INDUSTRY FACILITIES DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 1976, PROVIDED, REPEAT PROVIDED, THIS DOES NOT JEOPARDIZE PNRC-SPONSORED WOOD SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE THREE JAPANESE OFFICIALS WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO THE SYMPOSIUM IN SAME MANNER AS WOULD INVITATIONS FOR APA TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS (THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE SUPERIORS) AND, FURTHER, THAT A POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT U.S. FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.

4. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES INVITATION TO ABE, YAMAI, AND SUGIYAMA FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH APA DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16 WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE WOOD SYMPOSIUM AND NO TWO WEEK LIMITATION EXISTS, THEN EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY BY SEPARATE LETTERS THE FOLLOWING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INVITATION TO MR. NOBUO IMAMURA OF MAF (FOR MR. ABE), DR. SUKETAKA MATSUKATA OF MAF (FOR DR. YAMAI), AND DR. MASANAO MATSUI OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY (FOR PROFESSOR SUGIYAMA); BEGIN LETTER "THE U.S. WISHES TO PROMOTE MUTUAL JAPANESE AND AMERICAN ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND SOCIAL INTERESTS IN THE PRODUCTION, TRADE, AND USE OF SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD. I UNDERSTAND THAT INCREASING JAPANESE ATTENTION IS BEING DEVOTED TO THE USE OF PLYWOOD AND THE

PREPARATION OF ASSOCIATED STANDARDS. THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO JAPAN THE EXTENSIVE U.S. EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA. ACCORDINGLY, I, JOINTLY WITH THE U.S. PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL COMMISSION AND THE AMERICAN PLYWOOD ASSOCIATION, WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE FIELD OF SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD STANDARDS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 1976 FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND EXCURSIONS TO U.S. PLYWOOD INDUSTRY PRODUCTION, RESEARCH, AND QUALITY CONTROL FACILITIES. I AM EXTENDING A SIMILAR INVITATION TO (EMBASSY SHOULD COMPLETE -- DR. MATSUKATA

AND DR. MATSUI IN THE LETTER TO MR. IMAMURA; MR. IMAMURA AND DR. MATSUI IN THE LETTER TO MR. MATSUKATA; AND MR. IMAMURA AND MR. MATSUKATA IN THE LETTER TO DR. MATSUI). A TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE VISIT AS PREPARED BY THE AMERICAN PLYWOOD ASSOCIATION IS ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER. THE AMERICAN PLYWOOD ASSOCIATION WILL PROVIDE ECONOMY CLASS, ROUND TRIP AIRFARE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY YOU AND WILL ABSORB ALL COSTS FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL'S FOOD, LODGING, AND U.S. SURFACE TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH THESE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND EXCURSIONS. THE ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN INTERPRETER. SINCERELY, BETSY ANCKER-JOHNSON, PH.D., ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY." END LETTER.

5. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 16 VISIT IS AS FOLLOWS:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 ARRIVE IN U.S. LODGING AT LAKEWOOD MOTOR INN, TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 APA CONFERENCE ROOM. REVIEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHEDULE FOR WEEK. TOUR PRODUCTION FACILITIES AT WEYERHAEUSER, SNOQUALMIE FALLS, WASHINGTON.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 APA RESEARCH CENTER. TOUR QUALITY LABORATORY. DISCUSS INSPECTION AND TESTING PROCEDURES. DISCUSS PRODUCT RESEARCH WITH EMPHASIS ON MECHANICAL PROPERTIES.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 APA RESEARCH CENTER. VISIT HOUSING PROJECT IN SEATTLE/TACOMA AREA. DISCUSS APPLIED RESEARCH, WITH EMPHASIS ON WOOD FRAME RESEARCH.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 APA RESEARCH CENTER. VISIT SPECIALTY MILL, IF POSSIBLE. CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 APA RESEARCH CENTER. CONTINUE
DISCUSSIONS.

6. IF THE TWO WEEK TIME LIMITATION DOES IN FACT EXIST OR
IF AN INVITATION FOR APA TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DURING WEEK
OF FEBRUARY 16 MIGHT JEOPARDIZE WOOD SYMPOSIUM, THEN
EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE JAPANESE OFFICIALS
(NOBUO IMAMURA FOR ABE; SUKETAKA MATSUKATA FOR YAMAI;
MASANAO MATSUI FOR SUGIYAMA) THAT DR. BETSY ANCKER-JOHNSON,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,

JOINS WITH THE PNRC IN INVITING APPROPRIATE JAPANESE
OFFICIALS TO ATTEND WOOD SYMPOSIUM. NO SEPARATE
INVITATION SHOULD BE EXTENDED FOR THE APA TECHNICAL
DISCUSSIONS. IF ABE, YAMAI, AND SUGIYAMA COME ONLY FOR
WOOD SYMPOSIUM, A SPECIAL PROGRAM WOULD BE ESTABLISHED
FOR THEM CONSISTING ESSENTIALLY OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
AND EXCURSIONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE.

7. EMBASSY MAY AT ITS DISCRETION INFORM CANADIANS OF
U.S. INVITATION. IN SO DOING EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE
THE SUBSTANTIAL IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE INVITATION

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BY THE U.S. PLYWOOD INDUSTRY AND RELUCTANCE OF US INDUSTRY
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